

Open Session Minutes of
October 6, 2008

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MONDAY, October 6, 2008 7p.m.
H. BERNARD MONAHAN MEMORIAL ROOM
TOWN HALL, 242 UNION STREET
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
MOS for Joan Dankle Comcast office Receptionist

The BOS also recognized and congratulated Mary Patterson on the celebration of her 100th Birthday

2. Executive Session Minutes **9/2/08** (revised) Motion by Mr. Chaffee 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska to table for additional revisions Passed 5-0
3. **1/23/07** Minutes of Open Session, Chaffee approved
2/20/07 Minutes of Open Session, Chaffee approved
3/5/07 Minutes of Open Session, Chaffee approved
3/19/07 Minutes of Open Session, Chaffee approved
4. **9/15/08** Open Session Minutes of Mr. Zupkofska asked the minutes reflect he requested both Chiefs, Fire and Police to provide information regarding the "bump". Mr. Chiocca to review.
9/29/08 Minutes of Open Session were approved 5-0 Motioned by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Ms O'Brien.

Unfinished Business

- Rudy and Laurie Childs** read a letter thanking the Rockland Police Dept. for efforts to find their missing child Vivienne. Letter attached. Also made an appeal on behalf of the Bolduc Family.
5. **Hingham Street Sign-** Artist drawing of the new sign presented to the BOS. Eagles are providing material funding and Carley Signs and Designs will be donating labor.

6. **National Grid- Liberty Street Opening** Motion by Mr. Zupkofska 2nd by Ms. O'Brien to approve approx. 40' opening for Gas line extension. Approved 5-0
7. **Burger King- Request to open 24 hours.** Mevis Leo appeared to request permission to have the drive-thru open 24 hours. Motion to approve by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee, Approved 5-0.
8. **Vacancies.** Vacancies are posted on web site. Also a motion made by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Johnson to notify Hometown America of their need to appoint someone to the vacancy on the Rent Control Board. Approved 5-0.
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10. **Business Task Force Report.** Ms. O'Brien reported on the steps she and her committee have been taking to promote business in Rockland. Four meetings so far attended by approx 10 individuals each time. Numerous proposals have been discussed to promote Rockland and the downtown area. Peter Forman had arranged a group of Curry College MBA students to do studies and evaluations to promote downtown. Discussion has taken place to explore the feasibility of re-routing Routes 123 and 139 through Union Street.
Ms. O'Brien then discussed the progress being made working with the Planning Board and the Zoning Board to implement some of the recommended procedures from the book "A Best Practices Model for Streamlined Local Permitting" published by the Massachusetts Association of Regional Plan Agencies.
Mr. Simpson spoke about the regional Selectmen's meetings and possibility of savings through cost sharing/program sharing.
Mr. Chiocca spoke about the need to strive for a 75% to 25% balance of residential to commercial mix. The Town of Rockland is currently at a 82.2% to 17.8% mix which severely limits the ability of the town to sustain the community municipal needs.
11. **Fire Department deliverables presentation by Chief Sammon.**
Chief Sammon made a detailed power point presentation regarding the Fire department and its services to the Town of Rockland.
12. **Nov 4, 2008 Election Warrant-** Mr. Chiocca read the Election Warrant
13. **Brennan's Smoke Shop.** The BOS on a motion by Mr. Chaffee 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska voted 4-1(Johnson) not to request a hearing regarding Brennan's Smoke Shop Keno-to-Go Lottery application.
14. & 15. No Items

16. **Town Administrator's Report- Mr. Chiocca**

*Eric Hart, Town Accountant made a detailed report to the BOS regarding current procedures in his department versus what existed when he arrived. He explained in great detail the guidelines he adopted during his tenure. He also discussed GASP compliance.

*Mr. Chiocca distributed copies of the receipt for the 2 Highway Department sanders to the BOS from Mr. Corvi. Sanders were donated by Maple Realty Trust/ Jim Reardon.

*Notified the BOS Mr. Zupkofska had appealed the decision of Mr. Chiocca regarding tapes of Executive Session.

*Gave the BOS the WRPS price schedule to duplicate tapes and DVDs.

*Read letter from the Rockland Housing Authority thanking the BOS for the donation of the old Fire Dept ambulance which they will use for maintenance.

* Mr. Chiocca executed an extension for 1 year of the tolling agreement for 557 King Street, Hanover property which borders the Beech Street Landfill.

* notified the BOS of upcoming JLMC meeting scheduled for 10/17/08.

* Mentioned Mr. Zupkofska's letter regarding theft of cold patch.

*BOS expressed interest in attending one or both of the Rachel's Challenge events on Oct 17th.

* Read letter from Knight's of Columbus regarding the annual Tootsie Roll Drive to take place on Oct. 11 and 12, 2008 Motion to approve Mr. Simpson, 2nd Ms. O'Brien, approved 3-0-2, Chaffee and Johnson abstained both are K of C members.

*Mentioned the free recycling insert in town BOH bills.

*Informed the BOS Comcast was closing their Rockland office at the bills can now be paid at 21 East Water St. Mr. Chaffee had expressed concerned of walk-in bill payers to a package store and requested Mr. Chiocca explore alternatives. Mr. Chiocca will discuss options with Comcast.

*Informed BOS the new Park Department tractor has arrived and has already been doing the job at Beech St. We have made our first of three annual payments.

*Informed the BOS the Fire Dept surplus pumper truck received a high bid of \$1300.00 from J.M. Enterprises of Weymouth. Mr. Chiocca inquire with an area junk yard and received the same quote of \$1300.00, so awarded it to J.M. Enterprises.

Selectmen's Comments

Ms. O'Brien Invited public to participate on Business Task Force. The next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2008 at Town Hall 5pm.

Mr. Johnson The Esten School looking for pictures for the 40 year history of the Esten School for a memorial book. He announced a benefit Oct 24, 2008 for the 3 School PACs.

Mr. Zupkofska

- 10 year old Evan Whitemeyer has climbed 10 summits over 4000 feet to raise \$5000 for his charter school. Mr. Simpson suggested inviting Evan to a future meeting.
- discussed the removal of cold patch from the Highway Department. Thanked Chief Llewellyn and the Police Dept for the quick response to the situation and charges have been filed. Also reminded the community that town materials are not for everyone to take.
- He requested paperwork of Ken Karlson.
- Requested of Chief Llewellyn info regarding the bump and who is getting it and how much
- reminded viewing audience last day to register to vote is October 15th.
- issued a thank you to the person who sends him anonymous letters.

Vice Chairman Chaffee

- School Building Committee is in the process of interviewing the candidates for the owner's project manager, next meeting is at the RHS library Oct 15, 2008.
- Thanks to Carley Signs and the Eagles for help with Hingham St. sign.

Chairman Simpson

- Sen. Morrissey has been appointed to the Special Committee on Municipal Relief. Please contact him with any suggestions to provide relief.
- Announced Flu Clinic at Town Hall on Sunday, November 9
- discussed upcoming Departmental meeting regarding Best Permitting Practices

OPEN FORUM

Chief Llewellyn- Discussed results of road sobriety check with State Police, which resulted in 11 DUI arrests.

-He also discussed investigation into internet posting of the event prior to the roadblock taking place.

-Thanked the Childs Family for their comments and praised Lt. Ashton and all agencies involved in the search efforts for Vivienne.

Andy Triantifellow- Thank everyone for cards and letters.

Thought Mr. Zupkofska has been picking on the Police Dept. and asked him to ease up. He feels the Police Department is doing a good job and not getting enough credit.

-Mr. Triantifellow said Mr. Zupkofska first came on he took on the town employees and the town employees got a little upset. They went to an attorney to file a complaint against Mr. Zupkofska. Mr. Triantifellow said he suggest they go to Labor Relations Board and they would straighten him out.
-Mr. Triantifellow also said the town hall employees sent Mr. Zupkofska a letter and he (Zupkofska) didn't read it.
-Mr. Triantifellow spoke at length about the Police Department.
- He praised the appointment of Gerry Eramo to the SSTTDC.

Mr. Zupkofska said he wanted to respond to Mr. Triantifellow and stated he(Zupkofska) had never been sued and by a lawyer , he didn't know about any lawyer. No one ever contacted him, he hasn't been sued, so he didn't know about a lawyer.
Mr. Zupkofska said he will continue to ask questions.

Tom Henderson – Chairman of the Planning Board asked for help filling the Associate Planning Board Member vacancy position.

Eric Hart – Stated he contacted the Town's Audit firm regarding the need for the Town to establish checks and balances and that the Auditor told him (Mr. Hart) that they never recommended external audit. Mr. Hart also thanked the BOS for their support and cooperation during his years of service here.

Kevin Henderson – spoke regarding the SSTTDC appointment and felt no need to revisit the subject or debate.

Mr. Chaffee- wanted to congratulate the Rockland Little League on a fine effort to try and win the Granite City Lights contest, pointing out that Bridgewater won.

Motion by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska to go into Executive Session for the purpose of collective bargaining and litigation. Roll call 5-0

Allan R. Chiocca,
Town Administrator

Lawrence J. Chaffee, Vice-Chairman
Board of Selectmen